Mild weather to follow brief cold snap

16 February 2012 - This weekend is set to see a very brief return to colder conditions before we move into a spell of mild and unsettled weather for next week.

Clearly the first half of February has been very cold across England and Wales, with many places having seen some snow.

However, the second half of the month looks very different as even this week we have seen above average temperatures.

Strathallan in Scotland yesterday saw 12.8 °C, the highest temperature of the month so far, and today is set to continue the mild theme.

As we move into the weekend we are set for a short-lived return to cold weather, with many places seeing a frost with lowest temperatures generally between -1 °C and -3 °C on Saturday night into Sunday morning.

Northern and North West Scotland will see some significant snowfall and there could also be wintry showers in parts of Northern Ireland, North Wales, and North West England.

Martin Young, Chief Forecaster at the Met Office, said: "This weekend's cold snap will be short-lived, quickly giving way to much milder conditions again next week.

"Temperatures next week are expected to get into double figures in many areas as we see a return to unsettled conditions with strong winds and heavy rain in places."

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